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- 1. MISSION WISHES TO CLARIFY MATTER OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR SCHEDULE C TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, IN LIGHT COMMENTS REF A, IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO MISUNDERSTANDING.
- 2. PROJECTS IS SCHEDULE C OF DOCUMENT GOV/COM.8/50/
 ADD.1 AND GOV/1706/ADD.1 INCLUDE PROVISION OF EXPERTS
 AND/OR EQUIPMENT. COST ESTIMATES ARE INCLUDED FOR
 EACH PROJECT. SUMMARY OF THESE SCHEDULE C
 PROJECTS (WITHOUT COST ESTIMATES FOR EXPERTS) WAS
 ATTACHED TO DG'S LETTER OF MARCH 27, 1975. MISSION'S
 PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT U.S. SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF NUMBER OF THESE PROJECTS, I.E., PROVIDE
 EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT, AS APPROPRIATE FOR EACH CASE.
- 3. SINCE FORMAL OFFER REF C INCLUDED PRIVISION OF EXPERTS FOR PROJECTS IN MEXICO AND PHILIPPINES, WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT OMISSION OF EXPERT FOR PROJECT IN MALAYSIA WAS DUE TO OVERSIGHT. (LACK OF MENTION OF EXPERT IN PAPERS HANDED AMMONS/ERDA BY KENYERES/AGENCY UNCLASSIFIED

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IN JUNE IS NOT RPT NOT SURPRISING, SINCE KENYERES

HANDLES ONLY EQUIPMENT PORTIONS OF TA PROJECTS.) AS NOTED ON PAGE C.2 (SCHEDULE C) OF GOV/COM.8/50/ADD.1 AND GOV/1706/ADD.1, PROJECT IN MALAYSIA PROVIDES FOR EXPERT FOR SIX MONTHS AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$15,000 AND EQUIPMENT VALUED AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$25,000. ACCORDINGLY, BELIEVE OUR OFFER SHOULD INCLUDE EXPERT, SINCE THIS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PROJECT.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH THESE OFFERS TO SUPPORT SCHEDULE C PROJECTS, SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LAPSE OF OVER ONE YEAR FROM THE TIME THESE PROJECT REQUESTS WERE SUBMITTED BY COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO AGENCY, AND ALSO THAT NORMAL PRACTICE FOR TA PROJECTS IS FOR COUNTRIES TO REQUEST AN EXPERT IN ASSOCIATION WITH REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT, AND IN SOME CASES EXPERT MAY NOT RPT NOT REALLY BE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT. (AGENCY DOES HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY TO PROVIDE ONLY EQUIPMENT FOR PARTICULAR PROJECTS WHEN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT SUCH ACTION, BUT THESE ARE EXCEPTIONAL CASES.) ACCORDINGLY, IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT WE PROPOSE TO SEEK INFO MENTIONED PARA 2 REF B. SINCE THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT: (A) EXPERT IS NO RPT NO LONGER NEEDED; (B) EXPERT MAY BE NEEDED ONLY TO ASSIST IN INSTALLING EQUIPMENT; (C) EXPERT MAY BE NEEDED ONLY FOR SHORT PERIOD TO GET RESEARCH WORK STARTED AND POSSIBLY RETURN FOR SUBSEQUENT SHORT VISIT TO REVIEW SITUATION AND PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE; OR (D) SOME OTHER VARIATION OF FOREGOING. IT SHOULD ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND THAT ACTUAL COSTS FOR IMPLEMENTING EACH PROJECT COULD VARY SUBSTANTIALLY, DEPENDING ON RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM AGENCY RE EXPERTS. THIS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT POSE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, SO LONG AS TOTAL CEILING NOT RPT NOT EXCEEDED.

5. IN VIEW ABOVE, MISSION REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE \$15,000 FOR EXPERT FOR MALAYSIAN PROJECT IN OUR FORMAL OFFER TO AGENCY.

6. SEE SEPTEL RE POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR OTHER TA PROJECTS. LABOWITZ UNCLASSIFIED

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